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C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 0818

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG GV

SUBJECT: GUINEAN PARTICIPATION IN ECOWAS

REF: LAGOS 05001

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON GUINEAN PRIMIN LANSANA BEAVOGUI  
JUNE 4, IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEAVOGUI'S RETURN FROM WEST  
AFRICAN SUMMIT, LAGOS, WHERE, HE SIGNED TREATY MARKING  
INAUGURATION OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION OF WEST AFRICAN STATES  
(ECOWAS). BEAVOGUI SAID THAT GOG PLEASED WITH PROGRESS ON  
FORMATION ECOWAS, WHICH IS PROJECT DATING BACK TO 1968. HE  
INDICATED THAT FOR GOG ECOWAS WAS MORE LOGICAL GROUPING  
THAN ANY ORGANIZATION OF ONLY FORMER FRENCH COLONIES.

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2. ACTIVE GUINEAN PARTICIPATION IN ECOWAS WOULD BE POTENTIALLY  
SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM GUINEA'S PREVIOUS SELF-IMPOSED  
ISOLATION IN WEST AFRICAN AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY WHEN  
CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOG'S NEW LINKS WITH EC.  
GUINEA HAS MAINTAINED, IN RECENT YEARS, FAIRLY CLOSE  
TIES WITH SOME WEST AFRICAN ANGLOPHONES, PARTICULARLY  
LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE (THOUGH RELATIONS HAVE BEEN  
STRAINED WITH BOTH OF THESE IN RECENT MONTHS). GOG'S  
MAIN ADVERSARIES IN WEST AFRICA HAVE BEEN SENEGAL AND  
IVORY COAST, PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THEIR CLOSE RELATION-  
SHIPS WITH FRANCE (THOUGH THERE ARE RECENT SIGNS OF  
SOME RELAXATION IN SEKOU TOURE'S HOSTILITY TOWARD  
BOTH). FROM GUINEAN VIEWPOINT, ECOWAS, THOUGH ECONOMIC  
IMPORTANCE MINIMAL AT PRESENT TIME, WOULD PROVIDE MORE SUITABLE  
POLITICAL FRAMEWORK FOR EXPANDING TIES IN WEST AFRICA.  
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